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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kovar et al.**

**Our File: 10-342**

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**For: Optical Modulator and Method for Polarization Bit Interleaving**

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**February 02, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**  
**U.S.A.**

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.